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EASLEY REAPPOINTS THREE TO VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Raleigh - Gov. Mike Easley has reappointed William C. "Cleve" Cox of Cary, Charles M. Parkhurst of Taylorsville and Robert C. Sanford Sr. of Laurinburg to the North Carolina Veterans Affairs Commission.

Cox retired in 2001 after serving as state adjutant/quartermaster for 36 years. He served as vice chairman of the Veterans Affairs Commission for eight years and was appointed chairman by Gov. Easley last fall. He was elected to the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Council of Administration from June 2001 to June 2003. Cox is currently a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Parkhurst is a veteran of the Korean War and Vietnam War. He retired after 24 years in the U.S. Navy Reserves with rank of Chief Warrant Officer W-3 in the communication field. He is a member of the N.C. Department of American Legion and a life member of the American Legion. Parkhurst owns Hickory Marine Sales and Service in Alexander County.

Sanford is a retired Scotland County Veteran Service Officer. He served with the 24th Infantry in the U.S. Army. He was also a restaurant owner for 23 years and sold insurance for Pan American for 20 years. Sanford is a member of the American Legion, disabled American Vets and is a past state commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Veterans Affairs Commission advises the governor on matters pertaining to veterans in North Carolina. There are 13 members on the commission, each serving a four-year term. The governor appoints all members.